

TEXAS CLOWN ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: August 2, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:47pm. Judy Cornett asked the membership to review the previous minutes that were handed out while she goes forward with the other agenda items.

Board Members Present: Judy Cornett, Linda Green, Patsy McMillan, Cynthia Rice, Voncille Cox, Andy Anderson, Susan Butler, Shirley Hamilton, Patti Gilbert and Greg Stanford. Judy then thanked the board because it is the end of some our terms and gave everyone a "Payday" candy bar. We were given a raise because of the full two years served.

2. Minutes: Judy Cornett asked if everyone had a chance to look over last year's minutes, and if there were any questions or corrections. Bob "Chester" Phillips motioned to accept the minutes as distributed to the membership and Dale de Prima seconded. All agreed and was passed. Patsy McMillan will send to Greg Stanford to be published in the Joey Journal and to be put on website.
3. Treasurer: Cindy Rice gave the treasurer's report stating that TCA has collected \$3,550.24 in dues and Amazon Smile. The checking account has \$10,071.06 with \$26,175.05 in savings, and \$5,057.78 in education. Because of the timing of the convention this report is only through the end of July. Jane Wilson motioned to accept this report and Peggy Barton seconded. All approved without opposition or comments. The financial report will be filed for audit. Cindy then presented the proposed budget for 2019 and stated that it is approximately the same as the past couple of years. Christi McNeil motioned to accept the budget as presented and Mary Alice Owen seconded – (Mauri Norris asked how long can we operate losing money without any response) - all approved.
4. 2018 Convention: Judy Cornett thanked Mid Cities for all their efforts in putting the convention together and asked Susan Keys and Cinde Sanders to come to the front to do a report and announcements.

Cinde Sanders thanked everyone and reminded us about "open mike", "wet & wild", and Maggie's field trip – each have five spots left, so please join in. Please sign up for the theme party teams. And, they really need teams for the theme party which is similar to an escape room. Let us know that Club House for special kids will be here for the skit competition tomorrow.

Susan Keys said they had evaluation forms to be filled out and would like them be completed and given to them at the banquet to help plan better conventions – there will be a drawing for completing a form.

Susan then discussed the competition participation – talking from her heart she said that we only have five signed up for Performance tonight, three in balloons today, six for facepainting. We are not utilizing our competition to learn and grow – need to think about as a group how there would be a better way to do competitions. Why are we not competing? Jackie Garner said she has always done skits to share Lolly with all of us. Basically, it is to show each other how to have fun doing what we love to do.

Linda Greene encouraged her new clowns to participate – Patricia Frias said that if we don't compete at convention when are going to see each other in clown. Ed Fitzgerald said to take a cue from the

Olympics where they don't do the same every year. We can do make-up one year, skits another and rotate the categories every year. Sammy Sims mentioned that we need to be a 365 day a year clown – then you will be excited to compete.

Judy then said that Andy Anderson would head up a committee to figure out the structure of the convention for the future. Andy will get the people with the desire to help TCA. We are all worried about the convention and need the general membership have the heart to make it work together. Andy will get our information, but if you want to sign up, please be committed to achieve the end goal. Really have your input and thoughts be part of this process.

Old Business

1. Competition Announcements – Susan Keys and Susan Butler had nothing at this time except for what had already been said in meeting.
2. Scholarship Announcement – Linda Greene said it is a wonderful opportunity to assist alley members attend that may be having difficulty deciding to attend convention. Mary Alice Owen is this year's recipient and will be writing an article to send to the Joey Journal. Encourage your alley members to apply for this and find the requirements on the website.
3. Buddy/Mentor Program – Linda Greene said she had eleven people in the newcomer meeting and thanked the oldtimers that attended to give the new ones a different view of clowning.

New Business

1. First of May convention ribbons – presented by the Area Directors and TCA President
Roberta Hawkins, George Tripp, Rudy Rosales, and Judith Addington from Kokomo, Indiana (she came with Kit Kat). We also have three junior joeys – Annalea Spraggins, Austin Jackson & Kayleigh Jackson.
2. By-Law Change
Judy Cornett stated that the board decided to rescind the proposed change and not go forward with it. The Board appointed Shirley Hamilton to fulfill the proposed position to see if it is worth changing the by-laws.
3. Presentation of 2019 Convention Committee – Cowtown Alley
 - a. Location
Holiday Inn, 3005 Airport Freeway in Bedford, TX. Said this is the same hotel as in 1997. It will be \$109 a night with refrigerator and microwave in each room.
 - b. Dates for Convention
September 25th through 29th
The headliner will be Angel Ocasio with theme of "Going Back in Time".
4. 2018 Elections – Nominating Chair, Andy Anderson

Elections proceeded as follows:

President – Judy Cornett – Rhea Anderson motioned to accept and Christi McNeil seconded - all approved

Vice President – Linda Greene – Mary Alice Owen motioned to accept and Pam Blacklock seconded – all approved

Treasurer – Cindy Rice – Jane Wilson motioned to accept and John Luce seconded – all approved

Secretary – Voncille Cox – Martha warren motioned to accept and Liz Melton seconded – all approved

Sargent at Arms – Patsy McMillan - Christi McNeil motioned to accept and Patricia Frias seconded – all approved

The areas then got into their groups to elect their representatives.

Your 2019 Board of Directors is:

President – Judy Cornett

Vice President – Linda Greene

Treasurer – Cindy Rice

Secretary – Voncille Cox

Sargent at Arms – Patsy McMillan

North East Area Rep – Susan Keys

North Central Area Rep – Lana Sue Fridge

Panhandle West Area Rep – Susan Butler

Southeast Area Rep – Pam Blacklock

South Central Area Rep – John Luce

5. Other goings-on:

GLOW Creative Arts Conference – JOEY

March 1-2, 2019

First Baptist Church

317 W. Ellison Street

Burleson, TX

6. Judy Cornett then asked if there was any other new business - - - - -

Jackie Garner motioned to adjourn and Christie McNeil seconded. Everyone was in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy McMillan

TCA Secretary 8/02/18